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## CAPITAL REPORT: 'CRUSADE' EXAGGERATES

# Reds Jam All West Radio, Not Just RFE

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16—Mr. Gwylin Price, head of Westinghouse, is also chairman of the Board of the Crusade for Freedom, which collects money to support Radio Free Europe.

He currently is making a cross-country speaking tour of big industrial centers, in which he appears at luncheons to which have been invited the local corporate tycoons, to whom he appeals for company contributions.

I have been following him through clippings that my readers and listeners over the nation have sent in. The material Mr. Price is being fed, to serve up as bait for these sessions, is strictly spurious. I am sure he does not know this, because he is a well-meaning individual. Perhaps this column will help to enlighten him.

IN CLEVELAND, Detroit, Chicago and Milwaukee, his theme has been standard, a repetition of a statement he made as early as last October 11 to prove the importance of the RFE operations:

"The Russians spend over a hundred million dollars a year trying to jam Radio Free Europe broadcasts."

I have gone to some trouble to determine the origin of Mr. Price's statistics, and find that they go back to a speech made by Mr. Abbott Washburn of the United States Information Agency, on November 30, 1956.

In the first place, Mr. Washburn says the figures were

strictly speculative and were based on a "projection" by USIA engineers of a cost figure that was dropped in the heat of debate in the Polish Communist legislature in Warsaw some months previously. Having some reasonable knowledge of the Polish jamming operations, the engineers calculated costs in other Iron Curtain countries, and came up with the figures he used in his address.

These figures, however, were NOT for Soviet Russian jamming of Radio Free Europe broadcasts, as represented, but for all jamming operations by all Iron Curtain countries, against all broadcasts from the Free Western World.

What Mr. Price has not been told by his ghost writers is that Radio Free Europe does not beam any broadcasts to Soviet Russia, and thus Russia has no RFE broadcasts to jam. Also, that Poland stopped jamming operations many months ago.

But including both to make a total of \$113,000,000 a year, estimated, Radio Free Europe is the least of the operations to which the jamming is applied.

The three most important are Radio Vatican, BBC, and Radio Diffusion Francais. These have powerful shortwave as well as broadcast band transmissions, and equally important is RIAS in Berlin, run by the U. S. Government.

Almost without exception, all of the above-mentioned have standard broadcast transmissions, as well as shortwave, and RIAS in Berlin has a power assignment of 300,000 watts, six



BULGARIAN actress, Gilda Koyes, is one of many "escapees" who broadcasts behind the Iron Curtain over RFE.

times the most powerful broadcast station in the United States.

If the USIA figure of \$113,000,000 a year is correct, Mr. Price has to start by eliminating the USSR's 68 million and Poland's 17 million. Of the remaining 28 million for the satellites, Radio Free Europe gets only its proportionate share of attention, in relation to its unimportance.

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